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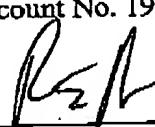
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POLYCID REOXIDATIONCOMMUNICATION CONCERNING RESPONSE

MS Amendment
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Attached is a copy of the Response as filed in the above-identified application on February 9, 2004, along with a copy of the PTO-stamped return postcard showing that the Response was received on February 12, 2004 by the USPTO. Applicant requests prompt entry of this Response for consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6973 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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DURING POLYCIDE REOXIDATIONEXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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The applicant thanks Examiner Nadav for the telephone interview granted on Thursday, 27 May 2004, between himself and the applicant's representative Mr. Mates (Reg. No. 35,271). The applicant respectfully submitted that the Office Action dated 8 October 2003 is reopening prosecution under 35 USC §112 of claims 23-25, 29, 30, 38, and 44, subsequent to the Decision on Appeal, and does not have the TC Director's approval as is required by MPEP §1214.04. MPEP §713.04 requires that the applicant set out the principle arguments made during the interview, and these are as follows:

- (1) There was a rejection of claims 26-31, 36-41, and 44 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph before the appeal, in the final Office Action dated 2 February 2000.
- (2) The rejection of claims 26-31, 36-41, and 44 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph was addressed in the appellant's brief filed on 2 August 2000.
- (3) The rejection of claims 26-31, 36-41, and 44 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph was withdrawn in the Examiner's Answer dated 26 September 2000.
- (4) The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences copied claim 23 in the Decision on Appeal, but did not object to it under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.
- (5) Claims 23-31 and 36-44 were allowed on 14 March 2003.
- (6) The applicant filed an amendment on 16 June 2003 adding claims, but did not amend claims 23-31 and 36-44.
- (7) An Office Action was issued dated 8 October 2003 including a new rejection of claims 23-25, 29, 30, 38, and 44 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. The Office

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Action does not have a stamp of approval from TC director.

(8) The applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action dated 8 October 2003 is reopening prosecution under 35 USC §112 of claims 23-25, 29, 30, 38, and 44, subsequent to the Decision on Appeal, and does not have the TC Director's approval as is required by MPEP §1214.04. The applicant respectfully requests that the TC Director's approval for this rejection be placed on the Office Action, or the rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6973 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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